

## DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 75-172

• TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: RESPONSIBILITY FOR AFDC-FG INCAPACITY DETERMINATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT  
REGISTRATION

REFERENCE: EAS Section 41-407 et. seq.

Mr. George Jeffery, President of the County Welfare Directors Association has asked that we send to all counties the information that was sent to him on the above indicated subject.

Attached, therefore, is a copy of this letter for your information.

Sincerely,

  
GARY D. MACOMBER  
Deputy Director

cc: CWDA

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Mr. George Jeffery, President  
County Welfare Directors Association  
670 East Gilbert Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92404

Dear George:

This letter is to inform you that responsibility for AFDC-FG incapacity determinations for employment registration is being transferred from the State Employment Development Department (EDD) to the county welfare departments. Although federal regulations place responsibility for all employment registration determinations with welfare departments, the FG incapacity determination portion of the requirement was waived and EDD has performed the function under contract. The contract has now expired and EDD is unable to continue the arrangement. (Placement of exemption responsibility remains with the welfare departments in the proposed federal WIN redesign regulations, 45 CFR Part 224.20(4).)

To effect the transfer, the Department is proceeding with a revision of the regulations that cover the exemption process (EAS 41-407.2 et seq.). The revision will allow the counties to make the determinations using a simplified method of verification of incapacity for registration for employment or training. In this situation a written statement or phone verification from the attending physician will be allowed. This simplified method will apply only to determining incapacity for employment registration exemption purposes. The method for determining incapacity for AFDC deprivation will not change. The decision to allow county welfare departments to utilize a simplified verification procedure is based upon a cost reduction consideration.

Most applicants claiming exemption are under the care of a physician and a phone confirmation or written statement from the doctor should be readily and easily obtained, without the attendant costs of requiring a physical examination. In those few cases where exemption is claimed, but there is no supporting medical evidence available, the reasonable cost of a necessary medical examination will be reimbursed to the counties.

The proposed regulations should be ready for public hearing in the near future. Let me know if you have any comments or suggestions regarding this change.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

DEWIS O. FLATT  
Deputy Director

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